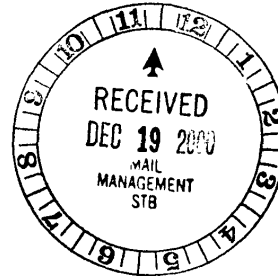




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Taledia Stokes
Surface Transportation Board
Recordation Office
1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 700
Washington D.C. 20423



Dear Taledia,

Enclosed are two (2) originals of the **Memorandum of Railcar Lease** dated as of November 3, 2000 between the following parties:

Lessor: THE CIT GROUP/EQUIPMENT FINANCING INC
1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036

Lessee: DTE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES INC
350 Indiana Street, Ste 600
Golden, CO 80401

A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows:

Memorandum of Railcar Lease between Lessor: THE CIT GROUP/EQUIPMENT FINANCING INC and Lessee: DTE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC covering 12 covered hopper railcars with reporting marks and numbers - CEFX 16422-16548, NOT INCLUSIVE

Please file this memorandum as a primary document and return one (1) stamped original to my attention. A check covering the filing fee of twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) is enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding the filing, please feel free to call me at 800-634-9738 ext. 20254.

Thank you for your prompt assistance.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Heisler
Administrator

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MEMORANDUM OF RAILCAR LEASE

THIS MEMORANDUM OF RAILCAR LEASE dated as of this 3rd day of November, 2000, is made by THE CIT GROUP/EQUIPMENT FINANCING, INC., a New York corporation, with an address at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036 (the "Lessor"), and DTE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC., a Michigan corporation, with an address at 350 Indiana Street, Suite 600, Golden, CO 80401 (the "Lessee" and, together with the Lessor, the "Parties").

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

WHEREAS, the Lessor and the Lessee entered into that certain Master Railcar Lease (the "Lease") dated as of November 3, 2000 covering the equipment listed on Schedule A hereto (the "Equipment").

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to show for the public record the existence of the aforesaid Lease, and the respective interests therein of the parties and accordingly the Parties have caused this memorandum to be executed by their respective duly authorized officers, as of the date first above written.

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by each of the Parties hereto, by this instrument the Lessor hereby leases and confirms the lease of the Equipment to the Lessee in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Lease, and the Lessee confirms and accepts such terms and conditions, which are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

I certify that I hold the title set forth below, that this instrument was signed on behalf of the Lessor by authority of its Board of Directors and that I acknowledge that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of the Lessor. I further declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

THE CIT GROUP/EQUIPMENT FINANCING, INC.

By: Joseph J. Mankowski
Name: JOSEPH L. MANKOWSKI
Title: VP

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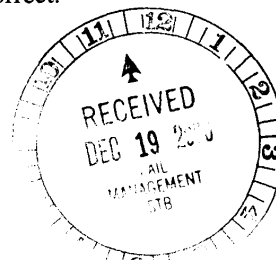
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I certify that I hold the title set forth below, that this instrument was signed on behalf of the Lessee by authority of its Board of Directors and that I acknowledge that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of the Lessee. I further declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DTE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.

By: James J. Lohan
Name: James J. Lohan
Title: President



Schedule A

Quantity
12

Equipment Description
4650 c.f. covered hopper cars
with gravity gates and trough
hatches

Reporting Marks and Numbers

CEFX 16422
CEFX 16427
CEFX 16435
CEFX 16452
CEFX 16455
CEFX 16458
CEFX 16473
CEFX 16476
CEFX 16481
CEFX 16488
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